



THE ROYAL CLUB

124TH US OPEN LOCAL QUALIFYING

Royal Golf Club
11455 – 20th Street N
Lake Elmo, MN 55042
Wednesday, May 1, 2024
Local Rules and Information Sheet

TEES: *USGA* MARKERS

FORMAT: 18 holes, stroke play.

QUALIFIERS: 5

ALTERNATES: 2

TIES & PLAYOFFS: In the event of a tie for the final qualifying spot and/or any alternate position, a hole-by-hole playoff will be conducted immediately following play.

Rules are governed by the Rules of Golf, the USGA Local Rules and Terms of Competition and the following local rules. Disregard all local rules printed on the local card.

PACE OF PLAY: The Pace of Play Policy posted on the MGA website for this Qualifying will be in effect.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: Are permitted during the qualifying.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Boundaries are defined by the following: (1) White stakes and/or lines, (2) Property Fences, (3) Hole #1 – course-side edge of the road (right), and (4) Hole #14 – the course-side edge of the parking lot (left) and bike path (behind green).

PENALTY AREAS: Penalty Areas are marked by lines and stakes. The stakes identify and the lines define the edge.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: In addition to areas circled by white lines, the following areas are deemed to be ground under repair:

- (1) All cultivated flower and shrubbery beds – **No Play Zones**

OBSTRUCTIONS: In addition to the standard obstructions, the following are treated as obstructions: bird houses, split rail fencing (when not defining OB), exposed bunker edging, and worn areas attached to artificially surfaced cart paths.

AERATION HOLES: There are aeration holes present on both the Putting Greens as well as in the General Area. Free relief is available for a ball lying in an aeration hole as follows:

- (1) On the Putting Green: Lift and place the ball in the nearest spot not in a hole, no nearer the hole.
- (2) In the General Area: Lift and drop the ball within one (1) clublength, no nearer the hole.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE: The following are to be treated as “Integral Parts of the Course” from which free relief is not available:

- (1) All retaining walls and pilings when located within a penalty area.
- (2) Hole #2 – Artificial pilings near the bunker (left)

DROPPING ZONES: Dropping Zones (DZ) have been established as additional relief options in the following locations:

- (1) Hole #7 – Relief for a ball in the Penalty Area (short of the penalty area)
- (2) Hole #13 – Relief for interference from the cart path behind the green

SCORING AREA: Is located on the patio lower level of the Clubhouse adjacent to the Golf Shop.

RULES COMMITTEE: Doug Hoffmann (Chair), Kathryn Sartain and Rob Tennant.



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